

Gwinnett Senior Golden Games
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2019

Meeting was opened with a welcome by our newly elected president, Kim Shealy.

The invocation was given by Glory Villavasso (in the absence of the chaplain) followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes were read by our secretary, Glory Villavasso.

The treasurer's report was given by our newly elected treasurer, Lynn Nickerson. Lynn read the report previously submitted by our past treasurer, Judy Payne.

Beginning balance as of June 17		\$9026.89
Deposits		\$0.00
Total Expenses:		\$283.91
Office Supplies	\$33.91	
Friends of Gwinnett Seniors	\$250.00	
Ending Balance:		\$8,742.98

President's Comments:

- Games meeting minutes were accepted as written.
- Alan Villavasso was granted the opportunity to give kudos to some of the dedicated Games members for their outstanding works, including Sherman, our past president, Eileen and Richard, among others. In addition, Alan recommended that everyone go to our website to see the outstanding job done by those who worked on the updated the Games' History.
- Afterwards, Kim circulated a copy of the games new logo for everyone to view.
- She reminded everyone that Humana has a new representative (Hannah); and that Brad is no longer serving in that role. She also stated that Brad has assured us of the continued monetary support from Humana in the usual amount of \$1000.
- Kim then had everyone, in a round robin manner, introduce and share some information about themselves to get better acquainted with one another.
- Kim stated that for the Games to thrive and grow, Games members have to take ownership of the games (give people a reason to be there); and to get more volunteers.

The following new positions and titles were announced:

- Pam Hoffman, Program Coordinator
- Richard, Technology Coordinator
- Internal Volunteers Coordinator - Bonnie Davis
- External Volunteer Coordinator – Judy Payne
- Lynn Nickerson agreed to continue in the position as our new Treasurer.
- CC (new member and newly retired) will manage Shot Put.

Ideas/ Suggestions to Make the Games run more efficiently:

- Develop more ways to advertise our games
 - Use of posters to advertise
 - Advertising in the water bill leaflet.
- More/better use of technology
 - Mailchimp for bulk email.
 - Various uses of new logo
- Make registration available on our website to offer organizations such as senior centers, etc., an opportunity to print out their own application forms. (Credit Cards for registration payments, however, will not be accepted).
- Suggestion by Irene that the Games use venues in Norcross, Lilburn, etc. Kim explained that the center of the county works best for most seniors. CC further explained why many athletes would go to certain places rather than others; and that many of the athletes will not go outside those parameters.
- The Rolle Bolle Manager suggested saving money by going cheaper with the catering to put more money toward transporting seniors. Kim explained that county and other facilities are available for use; and that the Games cannot be liable for transporting seniors to and from the games.
- Judy and Charlie suggested elimination of Badminton due poor participation.
- Tennis, however, seems to have increased in interest.

Announcements:

- Bob and Eileen announced that they are ready to donate \$1000 to the organization every year as long as Bob is alive!!! (A signed receipt was requested). Their announcement was received with overwhelming gratitude.
- Village Park wants to Host an event this year (location is very far away from Gwinnett's center). However, Elaine and Debbie are considering serving as Event Managers. (They shall discuss further).
- The Health Fair is coming up on October 25th, 9-1pm. Gail has volunteered to, once again, manage a table for the Games. (\$50.00 Application Fee). Attendance is free. It was suggested that a Games' banner be made and used at the Health Fair with our new logo on it, as well as new postcards made with the new logo. Signup sheets shall be available to those interested in having an application sent to them.
- The t-shirt color for the 2020 games will be Yellow.
- Gwinnett County will handle the "Branding" for our marketing.
- The Executive Board has decided that any donation from our organization go only to like organizations serving seniors.
- Opening Meal will be hot, and Kim shall look for cheaper prices. Closing Meal is suggested to be cold although other ideas are being considered such, a cookout, etc.

Meeting was adjourned by our President, Kim Shealy. It was moved/ seconded by Pat & Charlie.

REMINDER!!! The next Games meeting is scheduled take place on Monday, October 21 at 10:00 am at the Bethesda Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Glory Villavasso